

MINUTES

—OF THE—

SIXTY-FIRST SESSION

—OF THE—

CHEROKEE COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

—HELD WITH—

Centre Baptist Church, Cherokee Co., Ala.,

OCT. 23 TO 25, 1894.

OFFICERS:

R. T. EWING, Moderator, ... CENTRE, ALA.
JACOB W. WHORTON, Clerk, ... FORNEY, ALA.
L. A. McCARLEY, Treasurer, ... FORNEY, ALA.
GEORGE HANKS, Chairman Executive Committee,
..... PLEASANT GAP, ALA.

The Next Session will be Held with Chalcedonia Church,
Cherokee County, Alabama, on Saturday Before
the First Sunday in October, 1895.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

ORGANIC.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Recess.
3. Call to order, singing and prayer.
4. Call for letters of churches by districts.
5. Read letters and record delegates' names.
6. Elect Moderator and Clerk.

REGULAR ORDER—NEW ORGANIZATION.

1. Invite visiting brethren and welcome them.
2. Call for petitionary letters.
3. Call for correspondents and appoint the same.
4. Appoint committees to report at this session.
5. Name home for friends.
6. Adjourn for Christian Sabbath.

THIRD DAY.

1. Call to order, prayer, renew call for correspondents.
2. Call roll of churches and correct error.
3. Read Constitution, Abstract of Principles and Decorum.
4. Call for reports of Standing Committees.
5. Appoint Standing Committees.
6. Appoint time and place for next session.
7. Miscellaneous business.
8. Attend to corresponding letter.
9. Hear resolutions.
10. Read and correct the Minutes and adjourn to time and place appointed.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.

CENTRE, ALA., OCT. 23rd 1894.

The Cherokee County Baptist Association assembled with Centre Baptist Church, in its 61st annual session at 11 o'clock, A. M., and after an Introductory sermon by Elder T. J. Holden, from Acts 7th chapter and 2nd verse, the Association adjourned until 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2: P. M.

The Association was called to order by J. W. Wharton Clerk, in the absence of the moderator, and called Bro. R. T. Ewing to act as temporary moderator until permanent organization.

After prayer led by P. S. Mulino, the association was declared ready for business.

The roll of churches was called and the following delegates were enrolled from their several churches with letters:

FIRST DISTRICT—Philadelphia, P. S. Mulino, J. T. White and F. R. Mulino; Bethel, H. W. Roberts, E. H. Lindsey, J. H. Scroggin, Liberty, W. T. Pope, E. Burns; Rock Run, not represented; Mt. Zion, T. F. Lewallen, J. T. Hiney Pilgrim's Rest, not represented; Sandy Creek, L. A. McCarley; Mt. Willard, H. J. Goswick.

SECOND DISTRICT—Friendship, J. K. Neyman, A. Ashley; Nazereth, not represented; New Bethel, James M. Smith, T. A. McAbee, W. A. Payne; Chalcedonia, A. Pope, W. W. Singleton, L. W. Watts; Pine Grove, L. F. Daniel, W. N. Angle, George Keener; Providence, Thomas Blair; Mt. Carmel, W. M. Picks, D. A. Robertson.

THIRD DISTRICT—Centre, Joseph Wood, L. W. Newton; Meirose, J. E. Plunkett, Pisgah, J. C. Cobb, W. L. Wallace, J. B. Collier, Pleasant Valley, A. J. Tanner, M. Mixon; Tate's Chapel, R. T. Ewing; Friendship, G. A. W. Sims, S. H. Sims, I. N. Hale, T. J. Bartlett; Unity, T. J. Holden, J. C. Holden, T. C. Coly, G. T. Robinson, R. Robinson.

The Association went into the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows: R. T. Ewing, moderator; J. W. Wharton, clerk; L. A. McCarley, treasurer; George Hanks, chairman of executive committee.

Invited visiting brothers, and welcomed Brother J. E. Ramsay from Cherokee Association, C. C. Lee from Cedar Bluff Association, C. E. Borden from Calhoun county Association, and O. A. Alden from Harmony.

Called for petitionary letters:—Friendship Church at Sand Rock, a newly organized church, presented a letter asking for membership in this Association and was received. The new church reported G. A. W. Sims, S. H. M. Sims, I. N. Hale and Elder James T. Bartlett as delegates. The right hand of fellowship was extended to these delegates by the Moderator.

Appointed the following committees to report this session:

ON PREACHING—Joseph Wood, L. F. Daniel and J. K. Neyman.

ON DECEASED MINISTERS—H. W. Roberts, P. S. Mulino and T. F. Lewallen.

ON FINANCE—J. T. White, J. H. Scroggin and E. H. Lindsey.

ON DOCUMENTS—J. C. Holden, J. M. Smith and A. Pope.

ON NOMINATIONS—T. F. Lewallen, Jas. T. Bartlett and Thomas Blair.

Appointed standing committees, as follows:

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS—A. Pope.

ON HOME MISSIONS—J. C. Holden.

ON TEMPERANCE—H. W. Roberts.

ON EDUCATION—J. W. Wharton.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS—J. H. Scroggin.

ON LITERATURE—P. S. Mulino.

ON REVIVALS—Thomas Blair.

On motion, suspended regular order of business and called for report of Foreign Missions, which was submitted, and on motion, was set for consideration at 9:30, A. M., on tomorrow.

Called for report on Home Missions. It was made known that the chairman of that committee was in Texas, and a motion prevailed that the report adopted at our last session be taken up and considered at 9:30 A. M. to-morrow, with the report on Foreign Missions. Also the report on State Missions.

Named homes for delegates and visiting brethren.

After prayer, led by Bro. A. Pope, adjourned to 8:30 A. M. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, October 24, 1894.

8:30 A. M. Association convened with the Moderator in the chair. Prayer led by Elder H. W. Roberts.

Renewed call for reports of committees by calling for report on deceased ministers, which was submitted and adopted. See Appendix "A."

Called for report on Sabbath Schools. Submitted and ably discussed by Elders J. C. Holden, Bartlett and Ramsey, and was adopted. See Appendix "B."

The report on Foreign Missions was now taken up, as was arranged on yesterday, and re-read, which brought up a lively and profitable discussion engaged in by Elders Roberts, T. J. Holden and Ramsey, and was adopted. See Appendix "C."

Called for report on Temperance, which was submitted.

Pending discussion of this subject the Association adjourned for preaching to 1:30 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

1:30 P. M. After reading of 5th chapter of II. Corinthians and prayer, led by Elder T. J. Holden, the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

On motion, a committee consisting of W. H. Moore (chairman), E. H. Lindsey, L. A. McCasley, Thomas Blair and T. F. Lewallen, was appointed to consider an appeal from Friendship Church (at Sand Reek).

Elders H. C. Jones, H. W. Roberts and J. T. Bartlett, were granted leave of absence.

The report on Temperance was ably discussed by Elders Adams, Pope and others, and adopted. See Appendix "E."

The report on Documents was submitted, read and adopted. See Appendix "F."

The report on Education was read, and after being ably discussed by Elders Adams and Mullens was adopted. See Appendix "G."

The committee appointed to consider the appeal from Friendship Church reported: That in the opinion of the committee the acknowledgment of the brother would be sufficient, but that the committee did not think it had sufficient authority to give advice in the matter. The report was adopted.

Song, "Feed My Lambs," and prayer led by Elder J. C. Holden. Then adjourned to 8:30 to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY.

8:30 A. M. Association met and was called to order by the Moderator. After reading a Psalm and prayer, led by Elder W. H. Moon, proceeded with business.

Report on Revivals submitted and adopted. See Appendix "H."

The report on Nominations was read and adopted. See Appendix "I."

Report of committee on Finance submitted and adopted. See Appendix "J."

The Treasurer submitted his report and it was adopted. See Appendix "K."

Pursuant to recommendation made by report of Committee on Deceased Ministers, the Association suspended business and engaged in prayer and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His blessings in sparing the lives of the ministers of this Association through the past year.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to retain \$7.50 for his services.

NEXT MEETING.

The next session of this Association will be held with Chalcedonia Church, two miles west of Howell's X Roads, on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1895, at 10 o'clock A. M.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the annual meetings of this Association, in future, will be on the Saturday before the first Sunday in October of each year.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body is tendered to the membership of Centre Church and citizens of Centre and surrounding community for their generous hospitality in entertaining and supporting this Association during this session.

P. S. MULINO.

APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A—*Deceased Ministers.* Your Committee on Deceased Ministers submit the following report: Through the providence of God all the ministers of this Association have been spared through another Association year, for which we should feel profoundly thankful.

We recommend that the body suspend business and engage in thanksgiving to God for this blessing. Respectfully submitted,
H. W. ROBERTS, Chairman.

B—*Sabbath Schools.* We find a great lack in this great and important work. Brethren, let us wake up to a double diligence and go to work. Appeals have so often been made in annual reports that it seems almost useless to say more on this subject. But as we believe so much depends on the early training of the young mind to fit it in after days for usefulness in this world and for happiness in that which is to come, no place except the family altar and the church is so well fitted for their early training.

Brethren, here lies the secret of all our failures: a want of promptness to our several duties to our children, our neighbors, their children, and above all, to God. It is in this school we can throw a crumb of bread of life at the feet of some poor, starving sinner to be gathered in after days. In this school we all can do something for the Master. The sisters can do much in the Sabbath School in training the young mind the way of salvation, for we believe there is a work for all of God's people to do that claim a place in His church. One of the great drawbacks to the cause is the old stay-at-home and send the young. They should go and carry them. I am at a loss to know how to interest the parents of the children of our country. May the Lord incline their hearts to the work.

Your committee recommend the use of the literature published by the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tenn. Respectfully submitted,
J. C. HOLDEN.

C—*Foreign Missions.* While Christ was here in the flesh he said, "I am the light of the world." Before he left the earth he said to his church, "Ye are the light of the world." Again, he says, "Go teach all nations." "Go ye into all the world." And again, "This gospel shall be preached to all nations as a witness. Here we have the Divine command. He unfurls the royal banner, the insignia of ultimate and complete triumph, and as he points to its shining folds says to us go and plant it upon the very strongholds of Satan and sin and death, the wide world over. But to accomplish a work there must be a way, a means, or system. Our system is by and through the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. We find objections to and a lack of faith in the work of the Board even among the Baptist people. We hear and read a great deal about "intellectual pagans," and "learned heathens," and "cultivated idolaters," and these are to some us great obstacles in the way of evangelizing the world. We seem to have more faith in their power to resist the truth than in the power of God, which accompanies the truth. Without an intelligent conception of the magnitude and importance of the work, we cannot hope that our people will give such co-operation as its greatness demands.

Our object, therefore, in this report is to present as briefly as possible facts and figures showing the magnitude of the work. Our papal missions embrace Italy, Brazil and Mexico. In these fields the number of baptisms, 474; membership, 2,054. Our pagan missions are located in Japan, Africa and China. Baptisms, 255; members, 1,155. Alabama Baptists contributed to foreign missions for the year ending April 30, 1894, \$7,847 68, a fraction over seven cents per member.

We should adopt some wise measure to reach and arouse the masses of our people; to stimulate the wealthy to give larger gifts, even as God has prospered them, and the multitude of the poor to give of their tithes.

Brethren, let us bring this matter right home to ourselves, and in the language of David inquire, "What have I now done?" Nehemiah tells us they built the wall, "For the people had a mind to work." May the Lord help us to have a mind to work.

T. F. LEWALLEN.

D—*Temperance.* Your Committee on Temperance will say that, from what we have been able to learn, there is manifest a more encouraging development in the direction of being "temperate in all things" within the boundary of our Association. Let us remember that amid the seven graces we are commanded to add that of temperance, and when we consider that "No drunkard can enter the kingdom of heaven," and "Woe unto the man that putteth the bottle to his neighbor's lips," what powerful inducements there are to bring about reformation among all "whom it may concern." Let us keep steadily in view that the use of intoxicating liquors is a great moral, social, financial and bodily evil and we do most earnestly beseech all "To look not upon the wine when it is red within the cup," but "lay the axe at the root of the tree," and "touch not, taste not, handle not the unclean thing," for at the last it "biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." May God speed the time when it shall be driven from the walks of men.

Respectfully submitted,

A. POPE, Chairman.

E—*Documents.* We recommend first of all a careful and powerful reading of the Bible. The Saviour said, "Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me." The Apostle said, "All Scriptures are given by inspiration and are profitable for doctrine for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." We recommend *The Alabama Baptist*, published at Montgomery, *The Foreign Mission Journal*, and for Sabbath Schools the series published by the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tenn.

J. C. HOLDEN.

F—*Education.* We consider this to be a question of greater importance than any that can be brought to your attention, and it is one that we should not only report and discuss, but act upon promptly. We believe it to be of more importance than any other question, because in it all other questions are involved. Education means a fitting for life's duties; so then without education we are prepared for no duty. To be fully prepared and equipped to perform the many duties that fall upon us as Christians and as citizens, means that we should be fully instructed and educated in these duties. Taking this view of this great question should impel us, as individuals and as a denomination, to act promptly in furnishing the means by which the benefits of proper education to our people.

The time has come when I do not see how we can longer evade this duty. It stares us squarely in the face. In the course of human events we are surrounded with circumstances that will compel us to act or suffer direful consequences. Sin and corruption are running riot in both private and public life, and our children should be furnished with the best means possible to enable them to withstand its influence. This can only be done by proper education; education in the fullest sense of the term; an education that will not only add to their Christian and moral virtues, but will make them upright citizens.

The duties of citizenship should be inculcated with our moral and Christian duties, and as a part of our education, making an education that will round up our character and make us good members of the Church; good members of the family and good citizens of our country; carrying into every station in life the great characteristics of our humble Master. As a denomination, we will be held responsible for the manner in which we dispose of this question. We have good and consecrated men whom God has called to minister His word. Some of them are young men, and some of them need education. An educated ministry is greatly needed by us as a people. I would call your attention to all of these things and insist that you give them the consideration due them. To fully perform our duty in this great question will require great sacrifice. We should be ready to make it for the good of the cause and for the good of our people. We have several institutions of learning already established throughout our country. We should liberally patronize these and establish more, and strive to make our denomination noted for its educated membership and for its educated ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. WHORTON, Chairman.

G—*Revivals.* The committee appointed to make report respecting revivals will now, in discharge of that duty, state that from observation and the best information that we could obtain, there have been works of grace of extraordinary power in various parts of the Lord's vineyard. Whilst we profoundly regret that some of our churches have not had their usual "season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord," yet, in the main, there has been encouragingly manifest a decided spirit of revival, resulting in the reclaiming of the wanderer, the healing of the backslider, the confirming of the Church, and the conviction and conversion of the impenitent. We realize that we have cause to thank God, take courage and go forward in the discharge of every duty. There still remains much to be done, and to this end let us have faith in God, go to work and do what we can, and the results will abundantly compensate for every expenditure of time, labor and substance. Respectfully submitted,

H. J. GOSWICK, Chairman.

H—*Nominations.* We beg leave to submit the following nominations for next session: Introductory sermon to be preached by Elder W. W. Grogan, Elder H. J. Goswick, alternate, Missiary sermon by Elder J. C. Holden, Elder H. W. Roberts alternate.

I—*Finance.*
 Received for Foreign Missions, cash, \$11 60
 Voucher from Bethel Church paid to State Board, 5 00
 Received for Home Missions, 5 65
 Received for Minutes, 20 02
 Received for Missions, public col., 7 60

Total, \$49 85
 Cr. by amount:
 Paid to Treasurer, cash, \$44 87
 Voucher to State Board, 5 00
 Total, \$49 87

J. T. WHITE, Chairman.

J—*Treasurer.*
 Received from Finance Committee:
 For Foreign Missions—cash \$11.60, voucher \$5.00, \$16 60
 For Home Missions, 5 65
 For Minutes, 20 02
 For Missions, public collection, 7 60

Total, \$49 87
 Paid J. W. Whorton, Clerk, \$20 02
 Paid State Board by voucher, 5 00
 Balance, \$34 85
 L. A. McCARLEY, Treasurer.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

M. D. Keener,	Centre, Ala.	Thomas Blair,	Centre, Ala.
H. S. Jones,	Bid, Ala.	J. T. Bartlett,	Sand Rock, Ala.
E. Wilson,	Centre, Ala.	T. R. Hanson,	Cave Springs, Ga.
A. Pope,	Bid, Ala.	P. S. Mulino,	Piedmont, Ala.
W. W. Singleton,	Bid, Ala.	W. H. Moon,	Coloma, Ala.
T. J. Holden,	Reaves, Ala.	W. D. Taylor,	Centre, Ala.
J. C. Holden,	Reaves, Ala.	John Suggs,	Cedar Bluff, Ala.
H. J. Goswick,	Tecumseh, Ala.	John R. Trotter,	Rock Run, Ala.
H. W. Roberts,	Maple Grove, Ala.	W. H. Stephens,	Rock Run, Ala.

STATISTICS OF CHURCHES, CHEROKEE COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1894.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S POSTOFFICE.	Membership last Reported.	Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Voucher.	Restoration.	Dismissed by Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.	Present Membership.	For Minutes.	For Missions.	Pastor's Salary.	Total Money Reported.	Preaching Sabbath No. in Sunday School	Report Reviewers
Bethel,	H. W. Roberts.	J. W. Whorton.	Forney, Ala.	104	29	15			9		1	140	\$1 25	\$5 90		\$7 15	2d	1
C'calcedonia,	J. M. Henderson.	L. W. Watts.	Bid, Ala.	46	10	4						21	75	2 10		2 85	4th	1
Centre,	V. A. Bell.	B. L. Stinson.	Centre, Ala.	18								60	20			3d		
Friendship, 2d Dist.	T. B. Hanson.	D. F. Wood.	Whorton, Ala.	99	21	9		2	9	2	94	1 15	40			1 15	3d	
Friendship, 3d Dist.	J. T. Bartlett,	G. A. W. Sims.	Sand Rock, Ala.	21	9							30	1 00	40		1 40		
Liberty,	W. S. Griffin.	J. E. Roberts	Pleasant Gap, Ala.	91	3	1		2	15	1	2	79	1 50			1 50	1st	
Melrose,	W. H. Moon.	J. F. Wester.	Plano, Ala.	36	4	5		1	13		23	75	75	1 75		2 50		
Mt. Zion,	H. W. Roberts.	T. F. Lewallen.	Colona, Ala.	80	6			1	18	1	63	1 70	7 10			8 50	3d	
Mt. Carmel	M. D. Keeper.	L. A. Robertson.	Centre, Ala.	29	3	3		1	2	1	33	50	50			50	3d	
Mt. Willard,	H. J. Goswick,	J. C. Collins.	Teemsel, Ala.	14	1	7					23	1 00			60 00	61 00	2d	
Nazareth,	Not represented.	W. T. Halcomb.	Key, Ala.	34												1st		
New Bethel,	J. C. Holden.	W. T. Halcomb.	Key, Ala.	40	1	6		1	3		2	75	75	1 25		2 06	1st	
Pisgah,	Thomas Blair.	J. B. Collins.	Alisup, Ala.	68	1				17	1	52	1 25	1 00			2 52	35	
Pleasant Valley,	Samuel Sparks,	I. J. Mixon.	Cedar Bluff, Ala.	63	2	6			1		32	40	1 60			2 00	4th	
Pilgrim's Rest, 1st Dist.	Not represented.										63					1st		
Pilgrim's Rest, 2d Dist.	Con. with P. G. Ch.	J. T. White.	Spring Garden, Ala.	23	9	9			2		60	1 00				1 00	3d	
Philadelphia,	J. R. Trotter.	E. M. Sowell.	Centre, Ala.	44	9	1		1	13		41	1 00	4 00			5 00	1st	
Providence,	W. W. Singleton.	J. W. Gentry.	Cedar Bluff, Ala.	43	20	10	37	5	4	3	107	80	50			1 39	2d	
Pine Grove,	W. H. Moon.			34														
Rock Run,	Not represented.	J. H. Wood.	Forney, Ala.	107	14	4		1	17	7	98	1 50				1 50	4th	
Sandy Creek,	J. C. Holden.	R. T. Ewing.	Centre, Ala.	62	1	1			13		51	1 00	65			1 65	2d	
Tate's Chapel,	V. A. Bell.	W. F. Estes.	Reaves, Ala.	35	1	8			2	1	41	2 52						
Unity.	J. C. Holden.																	
		Public collection to Minute Fund																
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